

Oaks Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Oaks Notes



Acorns on the Ground

Finding True Happiness and Satisfaction

Oaks Christian Church is a family church that loves to share God's word, God's Love, and God's fellowship with the world. We are a church in the near inner loop that strives to be a helpful part of the community. We are about Deep Christian spirituality, a true community and a passion for Justice. We celebrate communion every Sunday service and all who believe are welcome to receive.

Today many people are searching for happiness. Some seek it in pleasure; others in fame of some kind; some in financial security and still others in social position. But trying to attain these things without God is foolish. The scriptures tell us we are to seek the "presence" of God and not "presents" of God.

The Apostle Paul experienced the sufficiency of the strength that comes from God. 2 Corinthians 12:9 states "For my strength and power are made perfect in your weakness."

Not only do we find happiness and satisfaction in God but we also are to seek God's face. By that I mean, the once again presence of God and the light of God in Christ.

Sometimes the way that we travel in life is dark. We cannot see what lies ahead. But God's light found in Christ shows us the way to go.

"For God who said, Let light shine out of darkness made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ." 2 Corinthians 4:6

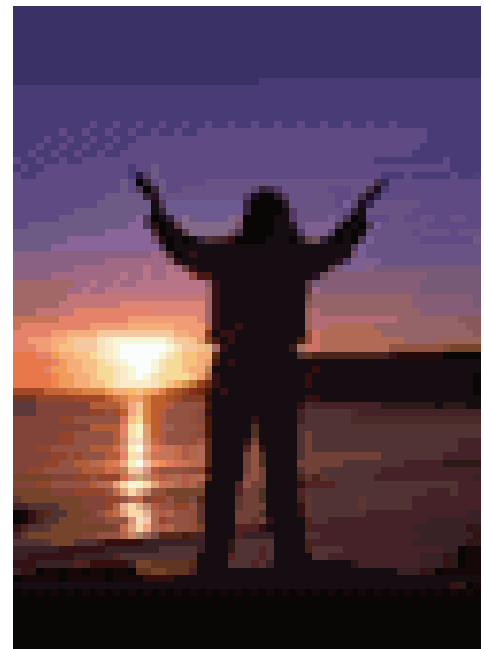
In order to really see what a person is really like, we need to be close to that person. As we draw near to God and God's son Jesus Christ, the light that shines forth is reflected in our lives and from our lives.

To find true happiness we need to be seeking God and Christ, God's son. Only then will we find true satisfaction.

Reverend Randy Burke

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OAKS CHRISTIAN CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JUNE 2008



June Birthdays

Bob Simons	2
Glen Slaven	
Michael Hursman	7
Eddie Volotko	
JoNell Hajovsky	14
Charlotte Leissner	17
Alex Pena,	18
Jackie Rogers	
Norman Dorsey	19
Destini Conover	20
Jacob Pena	
Laura Aya	
Charlie McQueen	21
Tatum Scantlin	22
Michael H. Rasco	24
Cheryl Burke	27
Patricia Olivia	28

If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please let the Church Office know.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Bread Sunday	2	3	4	5 CWF - Bible Study (through Aug.) 6:30 p.m.	6	7
8 Quarterly Birthdays 	9	10	11 No Praise Ringer Resumes in August. Choir Rehearsal	12	13	14 Flag Day 
15 Juneteenth Sunday and 	16	17	18 No Praise Ringer Resumes in August. Choir Rehearsal.	19 	20 World Refugees Day	21
22 Board Mtg. after Church	23	24	25 No Praise Ringer Resumes in August. Choir Rehearsal.	26	27	28
29  Independence Day celebrated during church services	30		29 Also, "Bring a Bud Have a Spud" 			

If you have something for the calendar, please let the Church Office know.

Sunday School and Worship services

Sunday School and morning worship will take place as usual every Sunday in June. Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. and Sunday morning worship at 10:45 a.m.

Church Office

The Church Office is open Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you have a pastoral emergency call the pastor's cell number.

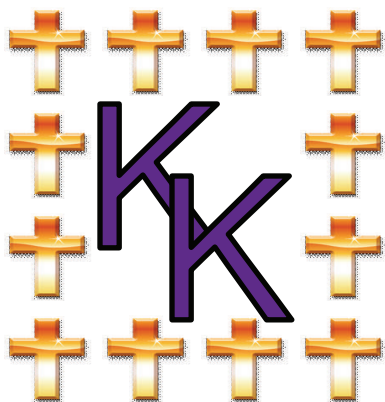


Pastor Randy Burke's Phone #'s
832.729.1598 - Cell
713.983.0717 - Home

And June Anniversaries



George and Imogene Flott	2	Del and Rosalie Willard	15
Charles and Betty Sullivan	7	Don and Pat Whitley	16
Jimmy and Marion Dixon		Gene and Agnes Pratt	
Glen and Jill Doremus		Rev. Randy and Cheryl Burke	19
Mike and Andrea Morriss	8	Joan and Robert Roberts	26
		Ray and Joann Winner	



Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) NEWS



Christian Church in the Southwest Region News

Look at the ways that our denomination works to do God's work

- The Spring 2008 General Board report is on the General web site at www.disciples.org it is in the latest issue of the online Communique.
- The General church has called April G. Johnson to be the new Minister of Reconciliation. She will oversee Reconciliation Ministry a special mission of the Church that works towards the elimination of the primary causes of racism in North America.
- The Office of the General Minister and President is seeking a Minister of Faith and Giving who will lead the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Creating a stewardship movement and a culture of generosity.
- HELM (Higher Education & Leadership Ministries) welcomes its largest class in six years of Leadership Fellows. Fellows are college students selected based on their leadership potential, Church participation and academic promise.
- Week of Compassion has activated its responses to the Cyclone in Myanmar and to the earthquake in China. Emergency grants have been provided \$35,000 to Myanmar and \$15,000 in response to the quake.

June 23-28, 2008

The High School youth Leadership teams from all over the Region will gather together at Lake Brownwood Christian retreat in Brownwood, Texas for Christian Youth Leadership Seminar. This event has taken place for 50 plus years and many Ministers and Church leaders have attended and benefited from this event. Many of our Youth have also attended and benefited from this event including myself and this year Michael Spencer will attend for his second year. Let us remember that Oaks has always supported this event and will always continue.

Coastal Plains

Area News

At our Area Assembly on May 4th in Port Arthur the Area Council elected the following officers and Ministry Team Leaders:

Officers:

Nathan Higginbotham, Moderator
Andy Brink, Moderator Elect
Lynne Haley, Treasurer
Susan Pain, Secretary

Ministry Team Leaders

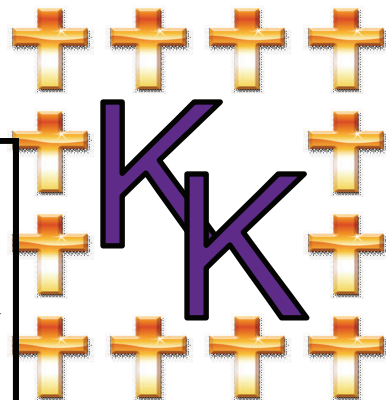
Sharon Hart, Committee on Ministry
Scott Miller, Children and Youth
Bob Dees, Christian Action and Outreach
Kyle Dennis, Congregational Vitality
Michael Dunn, New Church Development
Will Moore, Disciples Men
Betty Jo Brown, Disciples Women

Summer Camp 2008 Project Mail

We have four youth attending CYF Conference June 15-20, 2008. Project mail is a way to support our youth while at camp. We normally ask you to send mail but this year I want to give you the chance to create packages and mail for the youth before we leave and I will make sure it gets in the camp mail pouch there so we don't have to depend on the mail.

So gather some treats and or some cards and package and write them and get them to Kim by Wednesday, June 11th at the Church. If you would like to just donate some money that will work too. Let's Surprise our kids with all the support that we can muster.

Support Our Kids at Camp through
surprise packages and cards.



Youth Summer Activities

Our Summer schedule will be very flexible. We will meet for special activities and for fellowship and Bible study. Let's begin with June 8th when we will leave from church for an afternoon at the lake. All High School youth and Adults are invited to spend the afternoon at the lake playing and relaxing. What a great way to start the summer? We will go from there for the rest of the summer. All youth will be out of town the week of June 15th Michael, Robert, Jessica, and Sara will be at CYF Conference at camp in Gonzales and Michael Rasco will be studying in Greece with the People to People organization. I can't wait to hear of his experiences in the isles and all the religious places that he will get to experience and see. All of our Youth will have great experiences this summer.



VBS
God's Big
Backyard
July 7th-11th
9-12

Thank You Notes



Thank You!!! Just a word of thanks again to all those that supported our first Dinner Theater with Susan O'Donnell.

It was a great success and we were overwhelmed with the ticket response. It was so well received we will try another one next year. With God we can do great things!!!

Oaks Christian Women's Fellowship

Pictures from this event will be posted on the web site.

Dear Oaks Folks,

I surely appreciate all the prayers and concerns I have received. Thank you too, for the cards and telephone calls.

I am hoping that I can get this surgery over soon and get my life back to normal.

**God Bless You All
Pat Hodde**



Dear Oaks Christian Church,

Thank you for acknowledging my graduation. I am especially thankful for the beautiful God bracelet. Now when I wear it, I will be reminded God is always with me and there for me. Thanks again.

Katelyn Clawson

Attendance for the Month of April 2008	Sunday School	Church Attendance
April 6	38	87
April 13	33	101
April 20	38	78
April 27	27	82
TOTALS	136	348

Sunday School and Church Attendance April and May

Attendance for the Month of May 2008	Sunday School	Church Attendance
May 4	28	86
May 11	23	91
May 18	38	81
May 25	22	Incomplete
TOTALS	111	



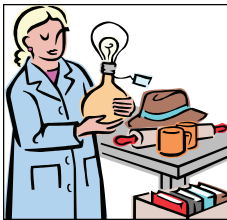
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Oaks Christian Church

Bound Together in Love



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MANNA'S THRIFT STORE

For more information
Contact **Marie** at
(713) 686-6440

MANNA DONATION NEEDED

The MANNA Pantry continues to need powdered milk and can soups.

Donations may be brought to Oaks Christian Church, First Sunday of the Month Service or to Oaks Fellowship Hall 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday.

Donations may also be made directly to the Manna Food Pantry located 2101 West 34th Street at Oak Forest Blvd (across the street from Doyle's) Monday, Tuesday, and Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.



Thank you in advance for your continuing support.



Watch for our Special Thrift Store Sale in June